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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREVENTING

DAMAGE TO MACHINE TOOLS, PRODUCTION

MACHINES AND ROBOTS

Examiner

To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application before examination

as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the originally-filed specification with the Substitute Specification which is enclosed herewith. A comparison document showing the differences between the translation of the originally-filed specification and the enclosed Substitute Specification is also enclosed herewith.